



Friday Night Facts

October 19, 2011

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor

James F. Huston, Executive Director

Thank you!



For making the 2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism a success.

-- OFBCI Staff

Organizations, communities benefit from sharing housing assistance information

Housing assistance is available to unemployed Hoosiers, via the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network, and your organization can help spread the word to those in need.

This assistance also provides new opportunities for communities to enhance the job-training, education and/or volunteerism of its residents. As part of the qualification, homeowners receiving assistance must participate in approved job-training, education, or volunteer activities.

Organizations that wish to learn more, as well as interested homeowners who readers may encounter, should visit www.877GetHope.org or call 1-877-Get-Hope for further information.

AmeriCorps Member Highlight



Q&A with **Rachel Boveja**, AmeriCorps
Improving Health Throughout Indiana

Q: Tell us a little about your background including hometown,

affiliate organization (host site), major, and hobbies.

A: I am from Newport Coast, California. My host site is Girls

Incorporated of Monroe County. My BS was in Public Administration with a minor in Business and my MS was in Egyptology (focus on Physics) with a Certificate in Hieroglyphics.

Quick Links

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Community Calendar

- Oct 21 - [LeaderCorps Applications due by 12pm](#)
- Oct 22 - [Broad Ripple Zombie Walk \(to benefit Gleaner's Food Bank\)](#) (or see the [Facebook event page](#))
- Oct 27 - [Navigating the Minefields of Retirement Plans for Non-Profits](#)
- Oct 28 - [Kaleidoscope Youth Center Fall Fundraiser](#)
- Nov 1 - [Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Lt. Governor's Leadership Luncheon](#)
- Nov 4 - [Camptown Annual Dinner & Silent Auction](#)
- Nov 11 - [Kids Against Hunger food packing at St. John Lutheran Church](#)
- Nov 29 - [Governor's Council on People with Disability Conference](#)

You can submit your events by emailing our Communications and Marketing Director at DTrovillion@ofbci.in.gov

Q: What attracted you to the AmeriCorps program?

A: AmeriCorps presented me with the opportunity to teach Holistic Health and Wellness to young girls. I was very sick as a child and I have had to live a very healthy lifestyle because of it my whole life. I see this as a benefit and wanted to share my knowledge and experiences with children by letting them know it is a good thing to start being healthy at a young age. I started a company where we teach Multi-Cultural Studies and Holistic Health. AmeriCorps was a great way to reach more of the community and teach physical activities such as yoga and Tai Qi as well as wholesome nutrition habits.

Q: What was your most memorable AmeriCorps moment?

A: My most memorable moment was when I returned to Girls, Inc after having been injured. The girls were very supportive to me and although I had a physical disadvantage, they wanted to help me by teaching me the moves I taught them in yoga. Not only did that help me physically, it showed me that they paid attention and enjoyed class.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: I have had a long standing dream to open up learning centers in different communities for children where they could go to learn Multi-Cultural Studies and Holistic Health and Wellness at low to no cost.

Q: How would you sum up your AmeriCorps experience?

A: My AmeriCorps experience has been wonderful and enlightening. If I could serve with AmeriCorps every year, I would.

GCSV 2011 recap:

Sharing attendees' social media commentary

Quick guide for anyone new to Twitter:

- anything with a "#" in front of it is just coded as a label that connects different people's tweets together on a certain topic
- "@" signs just mean the comment is mentioning another Twitter user and wants to get that user's attention
- Space is limited, so abbreviations, short-hand, and shortened links are common



@Maggie Stevens: Thank you @wfyi for your support of the Gov Conf on Service and Volunteerism! Just heard the mention on my drive home! **#GCSV11**

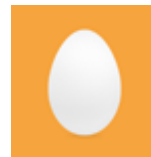


@HSchoegler: RT @bethelink: Quite a crowd. #gcsv2011<http://instagr.am/p/P7Z1e/> / Awesome! Good luck!



@ICC_JR: @INCampusCompact members at #gcsv2011. . .thank you for coming and for great conversations!

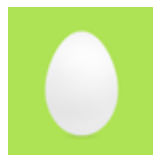
@OliviaSkalicky: Having a lovely time. #gcsv2011



@MegColby: New swag! @INOFBCI<http://instagr.am/p/P6vzc/> #GCSV11



[@AmeriCorpsAlums](#): Upload your shirt pic.
Here's [#IN](#) RT [@MegColby](#): Seriously. These are the
best AmeriCorps shirts ever.
Thanks [@INOFBCI](#) <http://bit.ly/prUqHd>



[@amystans](#): Having a great morning at the 2011
Governor's Conference! [#GCSV11](#) [@INOFBCI](#) Come join
the fun!

Buzz about GCSV11's speakers, presenters, and honorees

[@AleeahLivengood](#): Got 2 share my story of
service at [#GCSV11](#) today. Dont doubt the
impact service has, you just might change a life.
It did mine.



[@INHumanities](#): Not a dry eye in the house after Aliya
Livengood's speech at [#gcsv2011](#). An inspirational story
about the effects of one simple act.

[@INHumanities](#): Corp. Bleill takes the stage
at [#gcsv2011](#). Pretty sure this will be another tear-
jerker inspiring story. <http://yfrog.com/kj8dsybj>





@ICC_JR: Josh Bleill = amazing. Thanks for sharing your story, journey, and life. [#gcsv2011](#)

@KelseyTimmerman: @Maggie_Stevens Rocking the mic at [#gcsv2011](#) <http://twitpic.com/6zo4xy>"



@icc_emily: 2011 Volunteer Award Winner: "Find the good, and then praise it." Tavetta Patterson [#GCSV11](#)



@Maggie_Stevens: "...I would be honored to have any of these honorees as my neighbor." award reviewer from the Gov's Service Award reviewer [#gcsv2011](#)

@Maggie_Stevens: So glad I could participate in [#Indiana](#) Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. Great job [@INOFBCI](#) [@INCampusCompact](#) and [#ICCSV](#)!

Feedback about GCSV11's opportunities to learn



@KelseyTimmerman: "A manager is transactional and a leader is transformational." - an attendee at [#gcsv2011](#)

@britneyldickey: Great session on 21 laws of [#leadership](#)! Not so fun task of identifying where you need to grow, but a must. [#GCSV2011](#)



@itma23: #gcsv2011 great ideas and wonderful opportunity to meet with americorps volunteers. It is great to get their input on our programs

[@INHumanities](#): Prezzo on writing press releases & pitching the media about to begin at [#gcsv2011](#). I have props, candy & a fun exercise! Wish you were here?



[@itma23](#): [#gcsv2011](#) now that we have captured ideas from the conference, it is time to put them into action and make this state even greater

[@icc_emily](#): Retention is less about frequency and more about engagement -quality, making connections, and impact. [@catalystxchange#GCSV11](#)



[@DJEWill](#): [@INOFBCI](#) abt to go in this wrkshp... [#GCSV11](#) - recivin the tools to change your community..it feels good

[@catalystxchange](#): Thanks [@INOFBCI](#) for the opportunity to present at [#GCSV11](#)! Great conference and great people!



[Lisa Shipley](#): BIG CONGRATS to [Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#) for putting on a very informative and worthwhile IN

Gov. Conference on Oct. 12th & 13th! Next up...being a panel member on behalf of [Americorps Alums - Indianapolis](#) Chapter and as an Alum of [Public Allies Indianapolis](#) at the [Indiana HabiCorps](#) Conference!

Did you know?

(Almost Halloween edition)

Readers may already know that nonprofits affiliated with Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs) and Volunteer



Organizations Active in (VOADs) often take part in exercises (along with first-responders and governmental units) to test their readiness for emergencies or disasters of certain types. However, the Centers for Disease Control is adding its own twist this year, infusing a bit of pop-

culture to get a wider variety of ages interested in their realm of emergency preparedness. Their scenario? A zombie attack.

Read more by [clicking here](#).

Bring your leadership into the classroom - become an Indianapolis Teaching Fellow

Indianapolis Teaching Fellows, an AmeriCorps program, is an initiative of The New Teacher Project which recruits and trains motivated professionals and recent college graduates from diverse backgrounds to become high-impact teachers in math, science, special education, and World Languages.

As a Fellow, you will begin making a difference for students right away, joining a community of dynamic Indianapolis teachers working to end a legacy of educational inequality.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 program. Due to the volume of applications received, you are advised to apply early.

Visit <http://www.IndianapolisTeachingFellows.org> to learn more and apply today!